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Test record

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Title	Pan Fires In Corner		
Test Type	Fire behavior		
Lab Number	ATFFRL050003-1		
Test dates	10/21/05	No. Tests	6

Thermocouples

Thermocouples are temperature measurement sensors that consist of two dissimilar metals joined at one end (a junction) that produces a small thermo-electrical voltage when the wire is heated. The change in voltage is interpreted as a change in temperature [1]. There are many configurations of thermocouples which affect the temperature range, ruggedness, and response time. The information required to identify these factors for the thermocouples that were used during the experiment(s) conducted for this test series is provided in the "Thermocouple Measurement Description" table. Thermocouples used during this test series were used in accordance with the method defined in FRL laboratory instruction "LI001 Thermocouple" [2].

The following table provides a description of the instrumentation used to collect the temperature measurements during the experiments. The "Description" column describes the location of the temperature measurement. The "Thermocouple Type" describes the characteristics of the thermocouple used.

Table 1. Thermocouple Measurement Description

Description	Thermocouple type		
25 cm	Type K, Inconel, 1/8 in. dia, Grounded		
50 cm Type K, Inconel, 1/8 in. dia, Grounded			
75 cm	Type K, Inconel, 1/8 in. dia, Grounded		
100 cm	Type K, Inconel, 1/8 in. dia, Grounded		
125 cm Type K, Inconel, 1/8 in. dia, Grounded			
150 cm Type K, Inconel, 1/8 in. dia, Grounded			
175 cm	Type K, Inconel, 1/8 in. dia, Grounded		
200 cm Type K, Inconel, 1/8 in. dia, Grounded			
ground	Type K, Inconel, 1/16 in. dia, Grounded		

Height Indicator

The standard height indicator used at ATF Fire Research Laboratory is constructed with 12.8 mm (0.5 inch) diameter 250 mm (9.8 inch) long metal indicators mounted on a metal support at a 250 mm (9.8 inch) spacing. A schematic and a picture of a height indicator are shown in Figure 1.

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Figure 1. Schematic and picture of height indicator

Experiment Photographs

Digital Cameras are used within the FRL to record digital still photographs during experiments. Digital Cameras used during this test series were used in accordance with the method defined in FRL Laboratory Instruction "LI003 Digital Cameras" [3].

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Results for Test 12 (ID 1783)

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Max" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Table 2. Temperature Value Result Summary

			30 second	60 second	300 second	600 second
Descriptio	Initial	Max	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average
n	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)
25 cm	16	644	635	622	541	296
50 cm	15	527	520	510	443	241
75 cm	15	42	42	41	37	21
100 cm	15	43	42	42	36	20
125 cm	14	34	34	34	30	17
150 cm	14	34	34	33	30	17
175 cm	14	33	33	33	29	16
200 cm	14	34	34	34	30	17
ground	12	725	687	684	660	373

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.

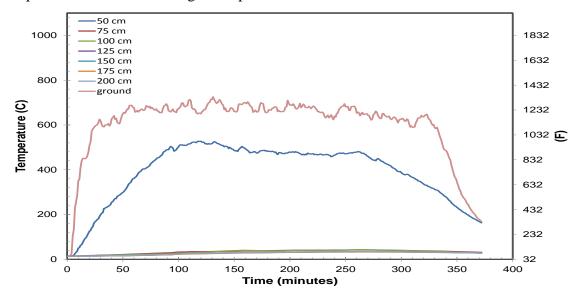
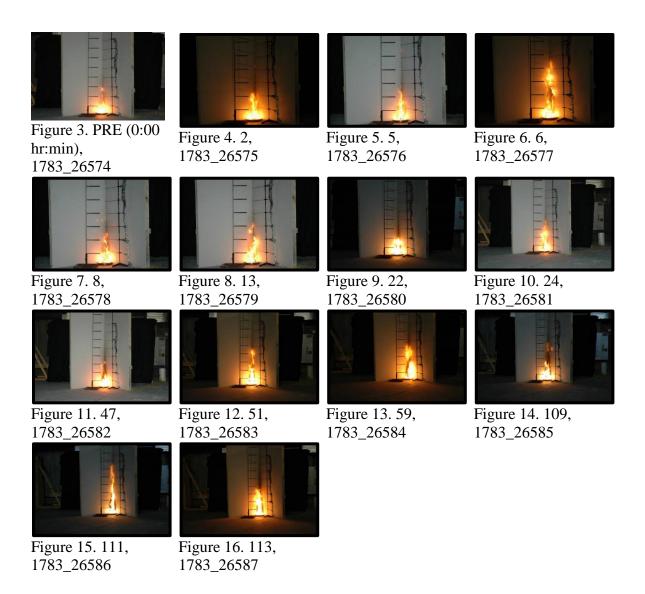


Figure 2. Temperature

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Results for Test 13 (ID 1784)

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Max" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Table 3. Temperature Value Result Summary

	•		30 second	60 second	300 second	600 second
Descriptio	Initial	Max	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average
n	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)
25 cm	16	691	667	666	511	257
50 cm	16	553	540	535	396	199
75 cm	15	75	72	71	52	26
100 cm	15	78	76	74	52	27
125 cm	15	70	69	68	49	25
150 cm	15	69	68	67	48	24
175 cm	15	67	66	65	47	24
200 cm	15	68	67	66	47	24
ground	15	739	713	703	575	289

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.

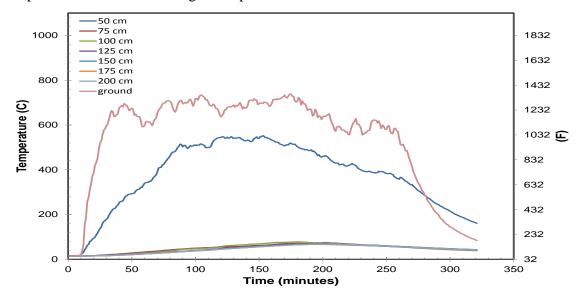
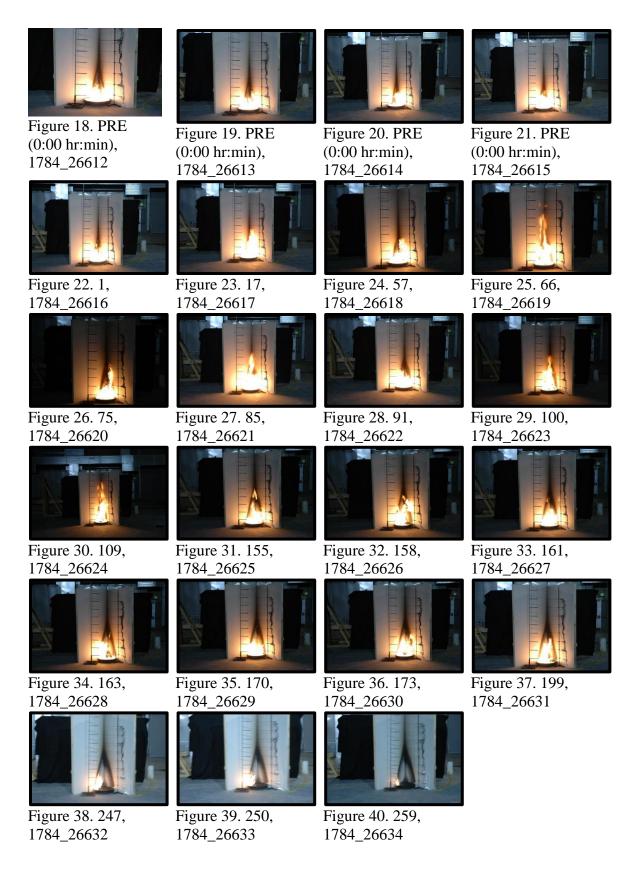


Figure 17. Temperature

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Results for Test 14 (ID 1785)

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Max" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Table 4. Temperature Value Result Summary

			30 second	60 second	300 second	600 second
Descriptio	Initial	Max	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average
n	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)
25 cm	20	743	702	669	408	214
50 cm	20	622	598	580	351	185
75 cm	19	82	80	79	53	36
100 cm	17	84	78	76	51	34
125 cm	17	71	70	69	46	31
150 cm	17	73	73	71	46	32
175 cm	17	71	71	70	46	32
200 cm	17	71	70	69	46	31
ground	13	682	654	622	368	191

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.

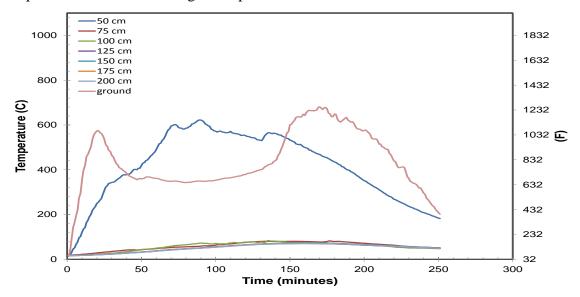


Figure 41. Temperature

The following figures show all of the still photographs uploaded into the FireTOSS system. The caption below each figure provides the picture's filename as well as any description and elapsed test time associated with the picture.

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Figure 42. 12, 1785_26663



Figure 43. 36, 1785_26664



Figure 44. 119, 1785_26666



Figure 45. 182, 1785_26668

Results for Test 15 (ID 1789)

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Max" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Table 5. Temperature Value Result Summary

			30 second	60 second	300 second	600 second
Descriptio	Initial	Max	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average
n	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)
25 cm	15	775	761	749	514	265
50 cm	15	659	652	647	418	217
75 cm	15	74	73	71	49	32
100 cm	15	72	70	69	47	31
125 cm	14	60	60	59	41	28
150 cm	14	61	61	60	41	28
175 cm	14	60	59	58	41	27
200 cm	14	60	60	58	40	27
ground	13	684	666	630	356	184

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.

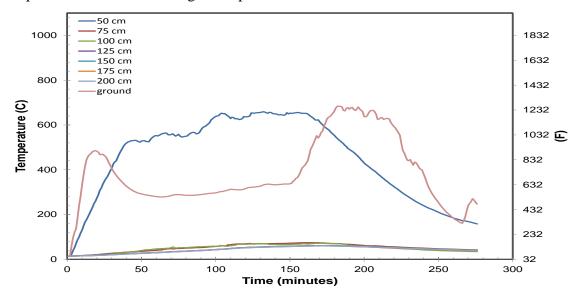


Figure 46. Temperature

The following figures show all of the still photographs uploaded into the FireTOSS system. The caption below each figure provides the picture's filename as well as any description and elapsed test time associated with the picture.

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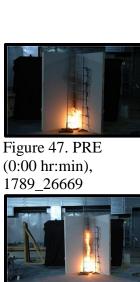




Figure 51. 15, 1789_26673



Figure 48. PRE (0:00 hr:min), 1789_26670



Figure 49. 6, 1789_26671



Figure 50. 11, 1789_26672





Figure 52. 18, 1789_26674



Figure 53. 23, 1789_26675



Figure 54. 25, 1789_26676



Figure 55. 28, 1789_26677



Figure 56. 30, 1789_26678



Figure 57. 38, 1789_26679



Figure 58. 52, 1789_26680



Figure 59. 54, 1789_26681



Figure 60. 60, 1789_26682



Figure 61. 86, 1789_26683



Figure 62. 90, 1789_26684



Figure 63. 97, 1789_26685



Figure 64. 100, 1789_26686



Figure 65. 126, 1789_26687



Figure 66. 132, 1789_26688



Figure 67. 148, 1789_26689

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Results for Test 16 (ID 1790)

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Max" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Table 6. Temperature Value Result Summary

			30 second	60 second	300 second	600 second
Descriptio	Initial	Max	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average
n	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)
25 cm	21	864	836	815	377	188
50 cm	21	887	855	844	363	181
75 cm	20	909	863	735	191	95
100 cm	17	186	180	176	79	40
125 cm	18	110	109	107	53	27
150 cm	18	157	148	141	64	32
175 cm	18	112	109	105	54	27
200 cm	17	143	139	133	63	32
ground	16	803	777	712	322	161

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.

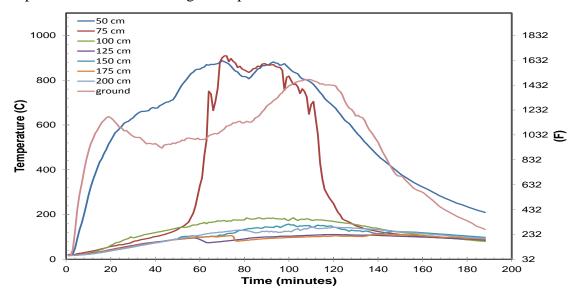


Figure 68. Temperature

The following figures show all of the still photographs uploaded into the FireTOSS system. The caption below each figure provides the picture's filename as well as any description and elapsed test time associated with the picture.

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Figure 69. PRE (0:00 hr:min), 1790_26736



Figure 70. PRE (0:00 hr:min), 1790_26737



Figure 71. 35, 1790_26738



Figure 72. 38, 1790_26739



Figure 73. 66, 1790_26740



Figure 74. 69, 1790_26741



Figure 75. 108, 1790_26744



Figure 76. POST (0:01 hr:min), 1790_26745



Figure 77. POST (0:02 hr:min), 1790_26746



Figure 78. POST (0:02 hr:min), 1790_26747

Results for Test 17 (ID 1791)

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Max" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Table 7. Temperature Value Result Summary

			30 second	60 second	300 second	600 second
Descriptio	Initial	Max	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average	maximum average
n	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(C)
25 cm	20	860	848	826	354	177
50 cm	18	858	842	819	337	169
75 cm	19	771	721	621	171	86
100 cm	17	188	182	174	75	37
125 cm	17	109	108	105	53	26
150 cm	17	173	162	155	68	34
175 cm	17	117	112	108	55	28
200 cm	17	148	144	142	65	33
ground	19	712	663	568	228	114

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.

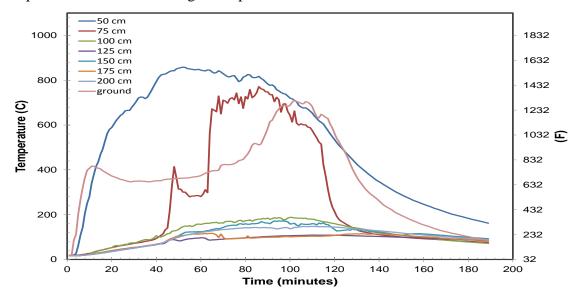


Figure 79. Temperature

The following figures show all of the still photographs uploaded into the FireTOSS system. The caption below each figure provides the picture's filename as well as any description and elapsed test time associated with the picture.

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Figure 80. PRE (0:00 hr:min), 1791_26710



Figure 81. PRE (0:00 hr:min), 1791_26711



Figure 82. 10, 1791_26712



Figure 83. 19, 1791_26713



Figure 84. 39, 1791_26714



Figure 85. 42, 1791_26715



Figure 86. 63, 1791_26716

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